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Greg Johnston, right, works with Howard Sharr during the first session of the newly organized swim program for developmentally disabled adults that Johnston and Vicki Milner head. For a personalized view of the program, see page 2.



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Take a closer look inside for a view of MSU traditions, the outlook for MSU football team next fall, entertainment for the summer and editorial comment.

Suicide: an in-depth study

"From one potential suicide victim to another," began the old joke, and we all laughed.

Today, at MSU, people aren't laughing at the joke.

Students attend sociology classes which list suicide as a major cause of death among college students while instructors comment on the coffee lounge about a recent magazine article which lists college professors as one of the vocation classifications most prone to suicide. Area coordinators, counselors and resident assistants (RAs) have been confronted with occasional suicide attempts and two suicides in the past three years.

Over 10,000 students attempt suicide each year. Of these 1,000 succeed. While a greater number of females make the attempt, males are most often successful.

Nationally, however, an average of 10,000 college students attempt suicide, with over 1,000 succeeding. The incidence of suicide is twice as high among college students as it is among young people in the same age range who are not in college. The greatest incidence of suicidal behavior occurs at the beginning and the end of the school quarter or semester. Approximately three times more female than male students attempt suicide, but the incidence of fatal attempts is considerably higher among males. More than half of those attempting suicide take

pills, about one third cut themselves, and the remainder, mostly males, use other methods, such as hanging or gunshot.

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— Dave Sundberg

David Sundberg, MSU counselor, assures students that statistics aren't really as horrifying as they sound. "Young people aren't afflicted as often by such diseases as cancer, arthritis, etc." There is, however an alarming rise in suicides among persons in their teens to their thirties, Sundberg said.

There are two ways of considering suicide, according to Mike Van Guilder, area coordinator at the University. "One way is the 'I wonder what it would be like' approach which is normal and occurs within most of us during times of stress and depression. . . The other way is the 'death is the answer to my problem' syndrome."

The most serious plight is the second example. The chances that an individual will attempt suicide increase as he begins to plan the time, method and place of his suicide. He will secure his death device weapon. He may even begin to imagine the people who will attend his funeral.

"Man," explained Sundberg, "is basically a problem-solving creature . . . I think the Midwest pioneer ethic which

stresses that each man must solve his problems quietly and individually may contribute to a higher suicide rate."

Rick Long, also an MSU counselor, feels that "women attempt suicide more often than men but are less often successful." Long listed the unfamiliarity of many women with lethal weapons and the tendency of women to get together and talk about their problems as points in their favor.

He also noted that the gap is closing. "It could be that male and female roles are

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— Rick Long

less defined now, so that it is easier for men to seek help; while women are now confronted by new strains and challenges."

Most individuals give clues before they attempt suicide, Sundberg said. These clues might include a significant mood change, a progressive movement toward isolation and even a verbal threat.

Body language can portray many suicidal clues. Perhaps the individual has a tendency to dress drabbly, to rapidly gain or lose weight and to give hostile signals. He will often start drifting as a loner. The most common comment about one MSU suicide victim was "Yeah, I knew him, but not as a personal friend."

An illogical thought pattern is also a clue, according to speaker Margaret Kilpatrick on her lecture "Suicide, the Ultimate Crisis," which was presented earlier this year at MSU. According to Kilpatrick, those who suspect their friends may be potential suicide victims should ask themselves the following questions: Does this person speak in illogical sentences? Is he in touch with time, place and self?

An individual contemplating suicide may actually verbalize his intent. "I can't take that exam. I feel like killing myself." It is the responsibility of the listener to evaluate the speaker by deeper questioning. It is possible that the threat may have been an "off the top of the head" exaggeration, but one must not rule out the possibility that the statement could be a plea for help.

If one suspects an individual of non-verbalized suicidal tendencies, the first step is to clearly ask him about his feelings, Kilpatrick advised.

Long said that if he answers affirmatively to the possibility of suicide, it

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is important not to become upset. "It is important that you don't allow yourself to become repulsed or frightened by his revelation," explained Long.

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Program helps disabled 'get into the swim'

By Beth Dalbey

Some 10 MSU students and other area volunteers got involved Friday night in a program that gave developmentally disabled adults in Nodaway County an opportunity to swim in the pool in Martindale Gymnasium.

The program, headed by Vicki Milner and Greg Johnston, both students at the University, is just one of many efforts of the Area I Regional Council on Developmental Disabilities. Joan Winger is community resource coordinator for the Council, which provides many opportunities like the swim program for developmentally disabled citizens.

Johnston said the program stresses community involvement. "It's an opportunity to give of yourself and of your time. It certainly won't be one-sided, though, because these people show their emotions and their appreciation. If they're mad, they'll let you know, but if they're happy they'll let you know. They'll laugh and they'll cry, and they'll laugh until they cry," Johnston said.

This appreciation was expressed by two participants, Glen and Howard Sharr.

Asked what he thought about the people who helped him swim, Howard replied,

"They're pretty good people."

"They won't let me drown. They won't do that. Some people said they would, but they don't know everything, do they?" he continued.

A look of genuine pleasure came over Howard's face when he said the most exciting part was "when you kick your feet and things like that."

Howard's brother Glen said he had fun and that he'd "get used to it." His only problem was getting started, he said, but he feels it'll be more fun next time (July 2, from 7 to 8 p.m., in the Martindale pool).

The Sharr brothers' friend, Stanley Dragoo, came into the room, of the Sheltered Workshop. "Did you swim?" he was asked.

"Huh-uh . . . I might drown," he explained, shaking his head.

After reinforcement from his friends, Stanley said, "Next time I'll go." Hesitantly, he asked, "With a life jacket?"

Life jackets are provided for those participants who are either to insecure to go in the water without them or who are physically handicapped.

Johnston explained that it is important to have a one-to-one ratio in the swim program. While it is not necessary to be a certified water safety instructor, he urged that as many sign up to volunteer as possible.



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Debbie Jones, left, instructs, Glen Sharr, while Greg Johnston shows Glen's brother, Howard, the use of paddle boards in last Friday evening's swim program for developmentally disabled adults in Nodaway County.

"Anyone can volunteer. We need both swimmers and non-swimmers in the water with them. . . some of the people don't want to swim and tire easily. We need people to be in charge of the water games that we have planned for next time," Johnston said.

The program is just one step toward equal opportunities for the developmentally disabled. "In 20 years people aren't going to know who Vicki and I are. I hope it looks like we haven't done anything because I hope the opportunities for our friends improve," Johnston said.

It's people like Greg Johnston and Vicki Milner that make things "go" for developmentally disabled citizens.

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Trips planned to Kansas City for MSU students

Planned activities for the MSU students for summer session will begin with a trip to the Royals vs. Boston Red Sox game, July 15.

The bus will leave at 3 p.m. from the Horace Mann parking lot. The price per person will be \$7. Tickets are available in the

Union Director's office. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch.

July 22 will find MSU students leaving the Horace Mann parking lot at 3:30 to catch the presentation of "Showboat" at the Starlight Theater in Kansas City. The price per person will

be \$7.50. There will also be a stop at the Gold Buffet. Tickets are also available in the Union Director's office for this outing.

There will be no organized trip to Worlds of Fun, but tickets are available with a discount of \$1.20. For more information contact Marvin Silliman, Union Director.

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Shaw's novel 'routine'

by Larry Anderson

Irwin Shaw's recent best seller, *Nightwork*, is a poor man, rich man story that sometimes hints of a strong element or two before moving into the comfortable chair of formulized fiction. What the reader has with *Nightwork* is a promising story that finally manages to handle its dose of mystery, subterfuge, and sex in a more thoughtful manner than usual.

The hero of *Nightwork* is Douglas Grimes, an ex-pilot with eye problems that has taken the job of night clerk in a sleazy New York hotel.

Late one night Grimes is warned by a rapidly departing prostitute that an old man on the sixth floor of the hotel is acting strangely. Investigating, he finds the man dead in the doorway of his room. Beside the body is a long rolled tube which Grimes discovers to contain a large amount of hundred dollar bills. Without any real plan or thought Grimes keeps the money and hides it in his office before calling the authorities.

Naturally the money changes Grimes' life and Shaw's best developments occur with this

character. Shaw's contention in *Nightwork* is that money has a power of its own that can effect both the possessor and the people he comes in contact with. People with money emit an aura of self-possession and power that others can unconsciously feel and respect.

The negative effect of money and power is well demonstrated through several minor characters in the novel especially in Bill Sloane, the American businessman desperately trying to have fun and be a part of the wealthy world. He is crass, bitter, and obnoxious but is also a little pathetic. The women in *Nightwork* are without exception empty and detached and in trying to illustrate the effects of their worldliness

The last half of *Nightwork* does not live up to the interest aroused in the first part of the book. The early evidence in the book suggests that Grimes has endangered himself in taking the money but this never materializes and the latter part of the book is almost as routine as a working man's day.

Rehearsals begin summer theater



Michell Galpin and Charlie Plymell rehearse a sketch in "Chautauqua," a summer offering from the department of speech and theater, to be presented next week.

Rehearsals will begin this week for the production of "Chautauqua". "Chatauqua", an Indian word meaning meeting, was a popular form of community involvement during the early part of this century.

The MSU speech and theatre department and a number of local and area talents are bringing back a celebration of its memory at 7:30 p.m. on June 30 and July 1. This type of celebration has two objectives: first to mark an important historical event that happened in Maryville and surrounding communities, and to bring the community and MSU students closer together.

The "Chautauqua," presentation will include singing, lectures, drama, readings, the first silent movie thriller, impersonations, renowned magician Charlie Myrick, music, refreshments and fourth of July fireworks.

There has also been plans made to have a community picnic at 6 p.m. before the entertainment begins. The picnic and program will be presented in the old Chautauqua Park (College Park) west of Rickenbrode Stadium. There will be no charge for the celebration, although donations will be accepted.

Dancing, music come to Maryville as . . .

Two students start discoteque

by Jim Conaway

If Walter Young, Jr. has his way, young adults will have a chance to be entertained rather than having to look for entertainment.

Young, a philosophy graduate from Tarkio College enrolled in graduate study here, hopes to open a discoteque in the old Cellar Arts and Crafts building on the corner of 3rd and Main.

A discoteque operates on basically the same principles as a nightclub except Young's will be different.

"For one thing, we won't be serving alcoholic beverages," said Young. "Since the state law says adults under 21 can't consume alcholic beverages, we (Young and his partner-to-be James Dunn, also a Tarkio graduate) decided we didn't want to leave out the younger adults, so no alcholol."

Another difference between the discoteque and the night club is that the night club usually provides live entertainment while the opposite is true of the discoteque. Instead the discoteque uses records for its music and whatever the crowd wants to dance to, it gets.

"We have a lot of things planned," said Young. Young listed record requests, dance contests with a

cash prize on the line, country music and hard rock nights, and private parties for groups as part of his entertainment plan.

According to Young, the objective of his business will be to "provide good clean entertainment for everybody regardless of age."

Young hopes to open his business by Sept. 1, but to do it, he says the building he's renting now needs to be redecorated.

Then he'll need to obtain his sales tax license and merchant license from the Chamber of Commerce.

To prove to the Chamber of Commerce that there is enough interest to start the business, Young started a petition drive. As of 10:30 p.m. Sunday, he had signatures of 500 people, who said they would patronize his business.

So far Young is more than happy with the support and help he has received from students, people and the Chamber of Commerce.

"Everybody has been real helpful and I hope we continue to get the support we're getting now," said Young. "I know the town can use a discoteque especially since Maryville is the only college town in the state without one."

If Young is allowed to open his discoteque, he'll name it the Stoney Burks.

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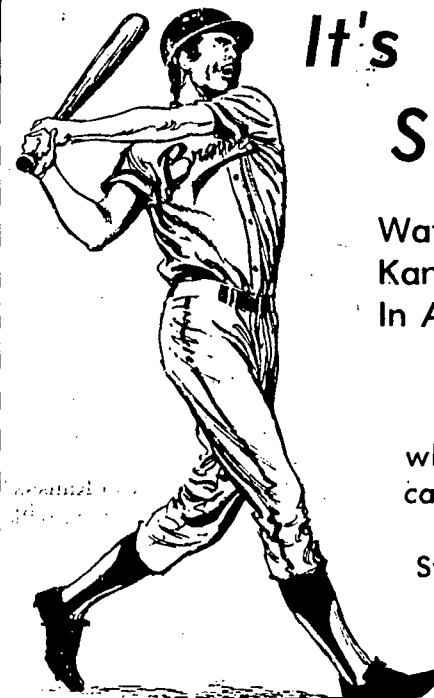
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MSU TRADITIONS

by Richard Marshall

MSU, established in 1905 as a Normal School, was located in Maryville only after fierce competition with other local towns. Albany, Rock Port, Savannah and Stanberry all waged efforts to obtain the school.

The Administration Building, with its picturesque towers, is a symbol of campus tradition. Construction on the building started in 1907; however, work on the building ground to a halt in 1908 when state funds ran out and construction was not completed until 1910.

A few years after its completion, on March 15, 1919, the Administration building was struck by a tornado. Many of the building's windows were blown in and the roof of the auditorium was blown off. Fortunately, the storm occurred on a Saturday, when the building was deserted.

Also representative of MSU history is the residence hall now called Roberta. The oldest still-functioning residence hall on campus, Roberta's very name is a reminder of the worst disaster this campus has gone through.

A gas tank just east of the hall exploded April 28, 1951, injuring many girls; one of them, Roberta Steel, died after months of prolonged anguish.

Roberta Steel attempted to attend classes in the Fall of 1952 but her injuries were extensive and hospitalization was

soon required. She died in St. Joseph hospital on November 29, 1952.

The building was restored, a new wing was added and the hall was given the name of Roberta in honor of the valiant girl.

Roberta now houses the sorority organizations. The building bares no physical trace of the explosion, but stories of Roberta's tragic fate still haunt the building and campus.

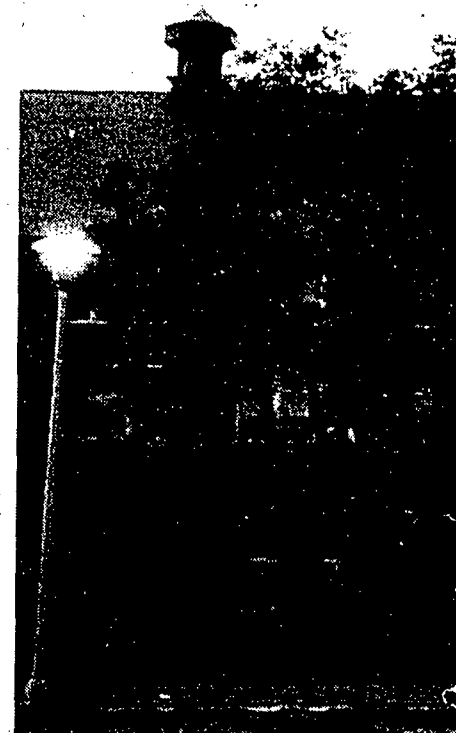
The college lake is one main attraction of the campus. In past years the lake was a popular fishing hole, but trash that has washed into the water over the years has seemed to have killed most of the fish.

No article on MSU tradition could be complete without including the wooden bridge overlooking the lake. The bridge spans what was once a stream, but the creation of the lake dried the stream.

The bridge, however, still serves a vital function. Tradition dictates that no girl can be considered a true co-ed unless she is kissed on the bridge before the first snow fall.

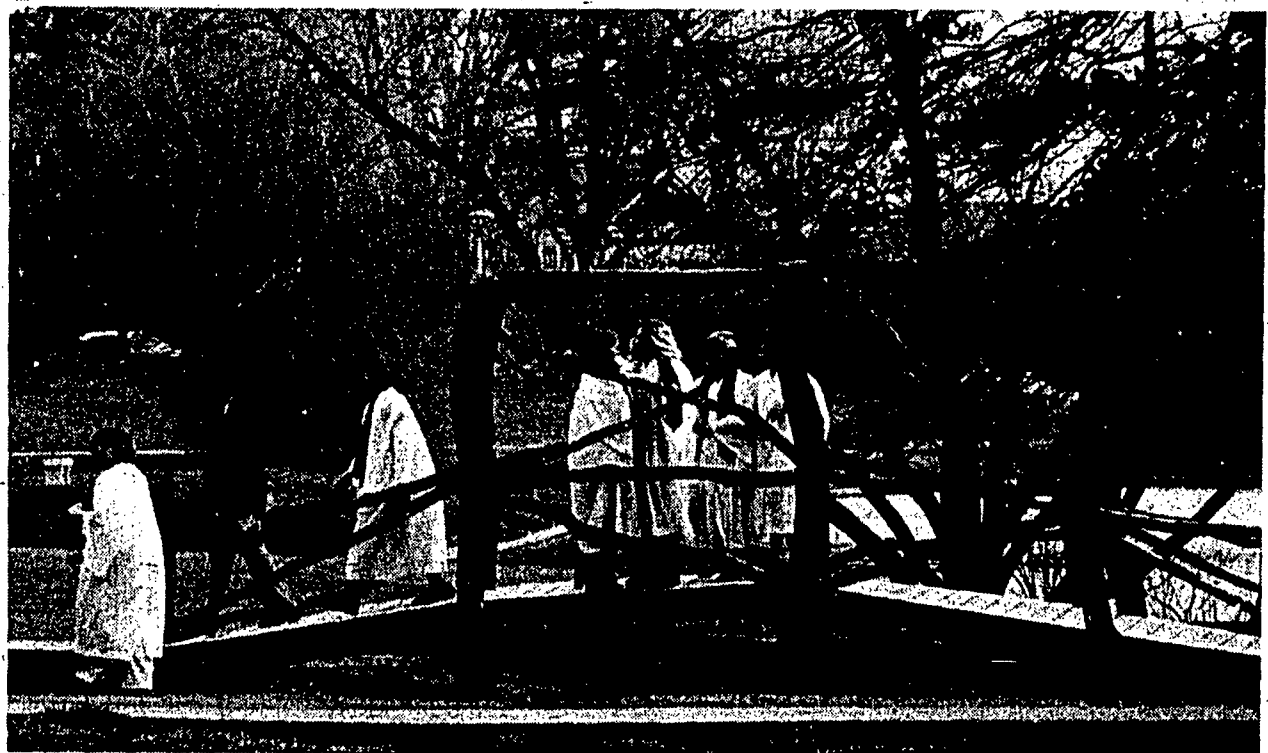
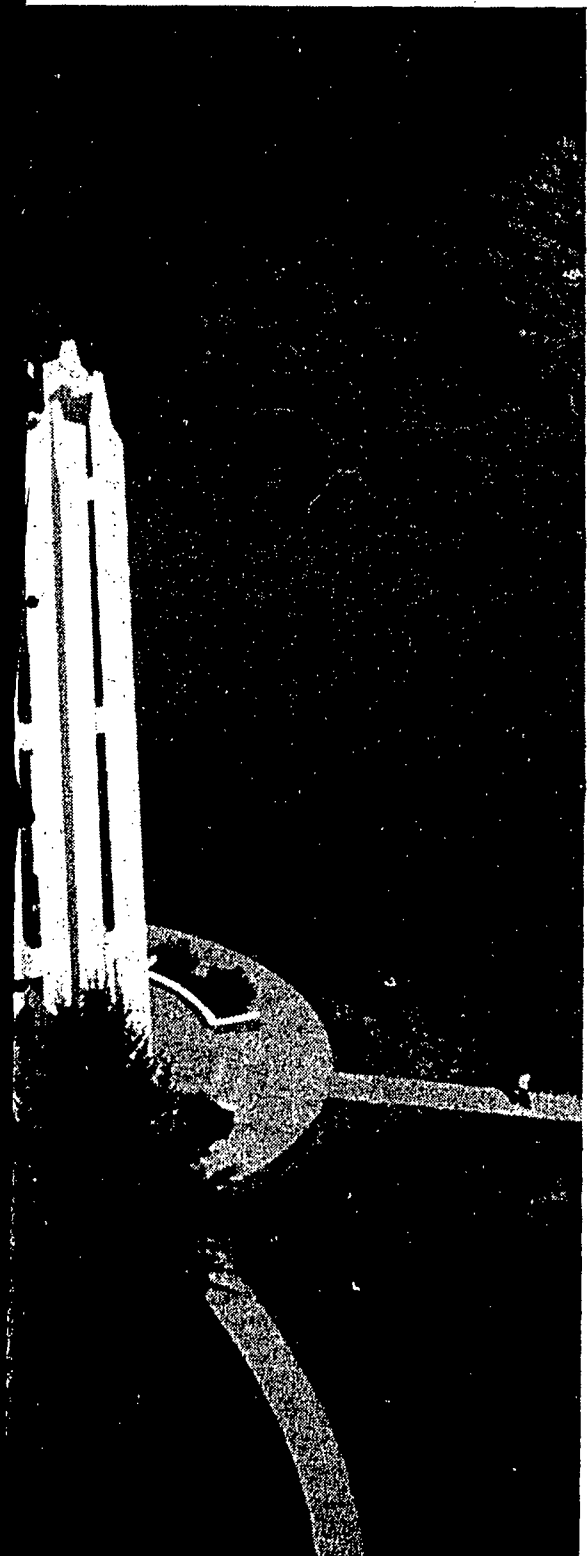
There are countless other landmarks on the campus. Many of the older trees are a living dedications to the MSU graduating classes who paid for their planting.

MSU tradition is also carrying on into the future. The multi-story Bell Tower and nearly all glass Fine Arts building are already making their way into MSU legend.





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Friends important to those contemplating suicide

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After listening to the individual the confidant should help him define his problem. Kilpatrick suggests that the listener ask him to make a list of his problems and rank them according to importance. After this experience he may feel relief upon actually identifying his problems and see a possibility of working on one problem and solution.

If the individual still feels seriously depressed or will not talk, help from a counselor, psychoanalyst and-or medical doctor should be sought. "It is best not to ask the individual if he wants help," states Kilpatrick. "Instead, ask him who he wants to help him."

When questioned about statistics on attempted suicides, all MSU officials became vague or refused to answer. One

reason for their hesitation may be the ambiguous definition assigned to suicide attempt. Self-destructive behavior may be direct, such as violent means or it may be indirect, as in overeating or drug addiction. It is also difficult to determine in the case of car accidents.

Another problem concerning suicide attempts entails dealing with the problem after it occurs.

An unsuccessful attempt will result in embarrassment or a self-consciousness over failure. "In my experience," stated Van Guilder, "the majority of students will become compassionate (towards the person who attempted suicide), but there are always a few that will make life miserable for him... Let's face it, he has become an oddity to be stared at."

An individual whose wounds can be seen

by others must deal with more extreme embarrassment. Bandages, casts or questions like, "well, what happened to you?" are a source of irritation of the shame.

Friends, neighbors, acquaintances, relatives, employers, and other persons of authority feel guilt in most cases. The questions: "Why didn't I know? Why didn't I catch on? and Why didn't I listen?" are often answered with self-blaming explanations.

Van Guilder described his guilt as "almost unbearable. For awhile all I wanted was to be alone and later all I wanted was someone to listen and understand." He found other area coordinators helpful in supporting him.

After clearing himself of his own guilt, the coordinator must deal with other guilt

feelings within the dormitory. "I tried to explain to everyone involved that it happened and it's not any one individual's personal fault."

Several individuals interviewed remarked on the lack of training area coordinators have in dealing with suicidal persons. Some area coordinators themselves remarked on a need for more intense study of abnormal psychology. "We are trained only to meet the requirements of the average individual... At present, the University establishes no criteria of mental or physical health before being admitted to MSU dormitories," one coordinator said.

MSU is also training in the area of mental hygiene. In many smaller schools there are part time psychoanalysts.

Coordinating Board approves new degree

The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education has given MSU approval to offer a new Master of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology. The program was accepted on the MSU campus by the Board of Regents and will be implemented beginning with the 1976-77 fall semester.

Dr. A.J. Buhl, chairman of the MSU department of psychology and guidance, said new advanced degree will be directly primarily "toward preparing counselors to work in non-educational settings such as mental health centers, psychological clinics, mental hospitals, various governmental agencies, psychological examiners and personal departments in corporations."

Buhl further explained that the degree is not entirely new. MSU department of psychology and guidance currently offers a master of science in education (M.S.Ed.) in secondary and

elementary counseling. The new degree will parallel that degree in 50 per cent of the required courses, but will then differ in the remaining courses to prepare students for the non-educational settings.

Specific difference between the new degree and the one already offered by the department of psychology and guidance show the new master's degree requiring three different courses — introduction to counseling, per-

sonality appraisal and a field practicum. The latter will occur in a non-educational setting, such as a mental health center, mental hospital or a government agency. Also the new degree will differ in electives from the existing degree.

"American society generally and the states in the Midwest, including Missouri in particular, have been engaged recently in efforts to improve public mental health. Currently, mental institutions in

the area are currently employing psychologists who have little if any training beyond the bachelor's degree. A number of these individuals have frequently expressed an interest in the new degree in order to raise their level of training," Dr. Buhl said. He explained that the existing master's degree offered by his department is inadequate to meet this need because it requires certification in education prior to admittance into the graduate program.

Many students, he said, requiring graduate training in psychology do not need such certification for the career goal they have in mind.

Enrollment projections reveal that within the first year, the new degree will attract 20-30 students. Estimates are that once the program is underway, perhaps 30-40 students annually will be enrolled.

Dr. Buhl pointed out that no similar program exists within a 100 mile radius of MSU.

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Football season looks good as Bearcats head for MIAA title

By Ann Mutti

After 3-3 MIAA mark and a 7-3 overall finish in 1975, the MSU football Bearcats are looking to the 1976 season with optimism.

Under the leadership of new Head Coach Jim Redd and his assistants, Dave Evans and Dick Flanagan, the 'Cats will open the season on the road, Sept. 4, against Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb.

Redd, who assumes the top position after nine years as an assistant, expressed pleasure with the results of a four-week spring practice in which 55 players participated. Nine seniors, six of them starters in '75, were lost to graduation and finding

replacements for them has been one of the main concerns of the football staff.

Fall practice will begin the middle of August and at this time Redd will have a chance to evaluate the performances of some 30 freshmen. Recruiting has been going well, according to Redd, with strong emphasis placed on selecting players who are versatile and who have accumulated a good high school record, both in the athletic and the scholastic fields.

The 'Cats, who will play a 10-game schedule this fall, have the ability to be a 1976 MIAA contender, according to Redd.



photo by Ellen Burton

Charles Thate, provost, (right), and Dr. Robert Bush, (left), dean of admissions, jog on the soon to be renovated Rickenbrode track.

Six-lane track to be added to Rickenbrode

MSU Bearcat and Bearkitten track and field teams in particular, area high schoolers, joggers and just "run for funers" in general, will have the opportunity to step out in style starting in the spring of 1977 thanks to nearly \$58,000 in capital improvements on the track and field facilities at MSU's Rickenbrode Stadium.

The major attention will be focused on installation of an all-weather, six-lane track with improvements also to be made in the approaches to pole vault, long jump, triple jump and high jump areas.

When Gov. Christopher Bond recently signed the state's 1976-77 capital improvements budget, MSU Phase One appropriation of \$183,000 (where the track "spruce up" funds will come from) was earmarked for general physical campus improvements. Phase Two had \$560,000 set aside for renovation and remodeling of the University's Administration Building.

Low bid of \$57,832 for the track and field project was submitted by Mo-Kan Paving, Inc., of St. Joseph, according to Bob Brought, MSU director of physical plant. Brought said campus crews are presently doing preliminary work on the project with Mo-Kan scheduled to begin activity in early July. The hope is for the project to be completed by the end of August, Brought said.

What's involved is the restoration of the Rickenbrode track with the installation of a four-inch asphalt base and a resilient one-inch topping of rubber-asphalt. The resilient upper layer is called "reslite" and, according to its producers, California Products Corp., it was the first hot mixed rubber-asphalt track surface in the country and is used by more college and high schools than any other track surface. The

surface is expected to carry out the Green and White MSU color motif. Plans are not finalized as to whether the track will be 400 meters or the more traditional 440 yards. It will include a steeplechase water jump.

"This is a very positive thing for the area as far as track is concerned," said MSU's Head Track Coach Dick Flanagan, who will be beginning his fourth season in that role this academic year.

"I don't see how it can help but improve our recruiting situation. Quite a few of the kids we have competing now have been told they were going to get a track for some time. It is happening now," Flanagan added.

The coach termed the new facilities second only to Lincoln's eight-lane setup in the seven-school Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic

Association. Flanagan said he was pleased with the University's "realistic" approach to the renovation, indicating he felt the funds to be spent would produce the highest quality result.

"Next year we hope to have quality men's and women's meets of our own and possibility include some invitational high school competition," the coach added. Flanagan said the University traditionally hosts high school district competition and a couple of conference meets for area school each spring. He said that competition would be improved with the track and field renovations.

Competitively, the new facilities will offer MSU's teams the welcome chance to become less "road" oriented than they've been forced to be the past several years.

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The Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1975, commonly referred to as Senate Bill 1 or S.1, is an herculean attempt by Congress to codify the existing Federal Criminal Code.

commentary

Codification is needed. The Senate Criminal Law Subcommittee reported that "present statutory criminal law on the Federal level is often a haphazard hodgepodge of conflicting, contradictory and imprecise laws piled in a stopgap fashion one on top of another with little relevance to each other or to the state of criminal law as a whole."

However, certain sections of this 753

page bill, a product of the Nixon-Mitchell "Law and Order" Justice Department, have lead Rep. Bella Abzug (Dem., N.Y.) to characterize S.1 as "the most repressive Federal activity since the McCarthy era" and the Wall Street Journal to warn that with S.1 "it's probably necessary to keep ringing the alarm bell loud and often."

In an analysis presented to Congress by Attorney Daniel Crystal titled "Making Watergate Legal: An Analysis of S.1," Crystal delineates the areas of potential government abuse.

Such as the Officials Secrets Act, which could imprison for life anyone convicted of communicating "national defense information" with the knowledge that it "may be used to the prejudice of the United States." Or, imprisonment for seven years-\$100,000 fine for a person who receives such information and fails to

deliver it "promptly" to a federal agent. Crystal reminds Congress that this provision "would have reached to the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Unitarian Universalist Beacon Press, upon their printing of the Pentagon Papers."

Or, the redefinition of "riot" to include as few as "10" participants who create "a grave danger of imminently causing" damage to property which Crystal interprets as an extension of Federal jurisdiction down to the level of "barroom fights."

Another provision in S.1 would inhibit the prosecution of wrongdoing by "public servants" if their illegal conduct is the result of a "mistaken belief" that it was "required or authorized." Crystal warns that this provision would have granted "legislative immunity to Messrs. Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and

Mardian in the Watergate criminal proceeding, and virtually made Watergate legal."

Codification is needed. The fear, however, is that in its haste, Congress will not closely examine the ramifications of the numerous provisions of the bill.

As Professor Vern Countryman of Harvard Law School and Thomas I. Emerson of Yale Law School jointly reported to Congress: "It would be naive to believe that these countless provisions could be restructured and redrafted, one by one through the procedure of motion to amend, amendments to the amendment, debate, and vote, either in committee or on the Senate floor. Long before such a process could be completed the pressure would be irresistible to make a few changes and let the rest go through."

Mark Sheehan

the stroller

Graduation is something most MSU students look forward to, and striving to be as typical as possible, I forced myself to begin graduation procedures so that I, too, can achieve the "American Dream."

I stalked into the Registrar's office and said, "I want to petition for graduation."

"You?" the clerk asked in disbelief. "Why you've been a student here at MSU for as long as anyone can remember. I just can't believe you would want to leave us."

"Well," I stammered, not wanting to elaborate on my reasons for wanting to leave this University because, contrary to popular belief, I don't want to destroy the image of this University.

The clerk handed me my senior statement and told me to take it to my adviser. We carefully checked my credentials, and he was about to concede that I was ready for graduation from this reverent institution when he noticed an oversight.

"I'm sorry, but you can't graduate," he mumbled regretfully, because he was ready to see me and my poisonous pen leave MSU.

"What in the (expletive deleted) do you mean? I've got over a thousand hours. I could get at least

five degrees! What's with all these little technicalities, anyway?"

"I don't know exactly how to say this, but you have not fulfilled your requirements in mental anguish," he said.

"Wait just a minute. It doesn't say nowhere in that catalogue that there's a requirement in mental anguish. What is it, an unwritten law that all MSU students have to suffer?"

"Now, wait a minute, you're losing that objectivity that you're so famous for in your columns, Stroller (who shall remain nameless). Your rationale is completely and utterly senseless. Of course we don't want you to suffer. We just don't want you to be unprepared to handle mental anguish when you come up against it in the 'real world.'"

"Not to get off the subject, but what is this quote real world unquote? Isn't this place about as real as possible? Or are we just playing like students, teachers and administrators? Explain that!"

"Of course this is a real world. You're just twisting my words and taking them out of context. I refuse to discuss this issue any further. Now—back

to your senior statement."

This didn't surprise me any, because past experience has shown me that no one wants to discuss what is real and what isn't, or who is playing games in the Administration Building and countless other structures.

"Well," I said, "I guess I could take three hours of mental anguish. Can I play administrator for awhile? Or how about instructor. No one knows better than I how rough you all have it."

"Don't be caustic," he warned me. "Mental anguish requirements can be fulfilled in any number of classes. Just take your pick."

"Can I substitute?" I asked, not trying to be difficult.

"You're just trying to be difficult," he said. "But what do you want to do?"

"Well, I'd sort of like to work on the Missourian staff. I hear it's pure unadulterated hell over there because they're crucified for what they try to show."

"No, I don't think that would be appropriate. That's what teachers and administrators take for their requirements in mental anguish," he said.

Chauvinism real issue in Hays-Ray sex scandal

"Can a man who uses women like Kleenex be in any way sensitive to issues and questions raised by the Women's Movement? Can he be seriously interested in the inequity of power between men and women in American society?" Caryl Rivers, Boston University, New York Times, June 8, 1976.

A sex scandal is always good for a few laughs, a few editorials on loose morals, a few indictments and, eventually, the culprit's removal from office. The whole cycle may last from two to three months. The American people, seemingly imbued with sex, soon forgive and forget. However, before the subject grows cold, there are a few factors which make the Hays-Ray affair especially repugnant, and therefore, intolerable.

First of all, in this era when women are struggling for equality, the Hays-Ray affair becomes strikingly offensive because of its heavy chauvinistic tone. The roles are clearly defined. Hays is a powerful, influential man who satisfies his sexual appetite with Ray. He pays for her just as he pays for his food. Strip away the Johnny Carson jokes, the lockerroom chatter about how they all do it and what remains is a pathetic relationship.

Hays' caustic personality augments the repulsiveness of the scandal. Described as a "bully" and "one of the most disliked men in Congress," in the Congressional Quarterly, Hays had developed a frightening base of power by wielding his influence as chairman of the House Administration Committee (this committee con-

trols numerous fringe benefits offered to the House, such as travel, telephone, postage and stationery allowances and office space). A man of driving ambition, Hays reportedly had, until his recent exposure, his eyes on Carl Albert's job as Speaker of the House.

Elizabeth Ray adds her own ingredients to the recipe of this tasteless incident. First, her accommodation to Hays' proposition adds pressure to a sincere professional woman who must reject a proposition by their boss. Or as they might say in office-politics' jargon, "Well, Liz doesn't seem to mind and she gets along rather well." If Miss Ray wishes to be a prostitute that is fine; however, she shouldn't merge the two professions.

Secondly, Miss Ray has crowned this piece de resistance of crassness with the peculiarly American touch of American literary exploitation. Presumably, none of the sordid details would have ever been revealed had it not been for sake of Miss Ray's book. Ironically, Hays' ambition has been checked by Ray's greed.

The issue in the Hays-Ray scandal is neither sex nor the misappropriation of funds, although that will be the target of the legal investigation. The issue is the chauvinistic milieu that leads one southern congressman to state in the Village Voice; "Women are so readily available in Washington that you aren't offering much when you offer free women."

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